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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - July 28, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that the former Sergeant-At-Arms of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels, Mark Alan Toyce, was sentenced today in federal District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Irma E. Gonzalez to serve 168 months in custody. Toyce had earlier pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit racketeering and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. In connection with his guilty pleas, Toyce admitted that he and other members of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels agreed to participate in a pattern of racketeering, which included conspiracy to murder members of a rival outlaw motorcycle gang, the Mongols, and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Judge Gonzalez also ordered that Toyce serve a five-year term of supervised release following his release from prison, during which time Toyce will not be allowed to associate with felons. Toyce must also pay a \$200 special assessment.

In June 2003, Toycen and nine other members of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels, were indicted by a federal grand jury on racketeering charges involving conspiracy to commit murder, drug trafficking, and extortion, among other crimes. Toycen and other Hells Angels members were overheard on court-authorized wiretaps plotting murder and discussing the commission of other crimes from July 2002 through May 2003. All ten Hells Angels members who were charged have pleaded guilty to, and have been sentenced on, racketeering charges.

U.S. Attorney Lam said, "The Hells Angels in San Diego are a gang that has brought violence and drugs to our streets for years. Taking down their leadership is a public service." She praised the efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Narcotics Task Force, the San Diego Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the San Diego Police Department, and the El Cajon Police Department.

### **DEFENDANT**

Mark Alan Toycen

### **SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962 – Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846 – Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine

### **INVESTIGATING AGENCIES**

Drug Enforcement Administration  
Narcotics Task Force  
San Diego County Sheriff's Department  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
San Diego Police Department  
El Cajon Police Department